

# HAMPTON, PHOEBUS AND OLD POINT.

## STITH MUST RESIGN OR BE FORCED OUT

Judge Blackstone Offers a Compromise, Which May Not Be Accepted by The Magistrate

### DECISION TO BE GIVEN TOMORROW

Unless the Resignation of the Justice is Handed to the Court Then an Order Dismissing the Magistrate is to be Entered on Record—May Go to Higher Court.

Unless Magistrate L. E. Stith hands in his resignation to Judge J. W. G. Blackstone by tomorrow morning an order will be entered in the Circuit Court removing the justice from office.

This is the decision rendered by Judge Blackstone yesterday, after he had heard the rule brought against the officer to show cause why he should not be removed from office. The magistrate was accused of malfeasance, misfeasance and gross neglect of duty. He was represented in the court by Judge Edgar E. Montague and Commonwealth's Attorney B. A. Lewis looked after the interest of the State.

The evidence introduced brought out the fact that the magistrate had failed in a few cases to give the legal receipt for fines imposed, although in two cases he had given his "personal" receipt. It was also shown that Magistrate Stith had failed to make proper returns to the court of fines imposed and collected.

#### Sensation in the Case.

A sensation was sprung when a man named Fyfe appeared in court and requested that he be allowed to testify in the case. Fyfe said the justice had fined him \$6.35 including the costs either in November or December. The report of the justice failed to show such a case.

#### Magistrate Stith's Statement.

Magistrate Stith made a long statement, disclaiming any intention of wrong doings. He stated further that two of the missing warrants were misplaced by him and for that reason he failed to make the proper returns.

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#### Reasons For This Barbarous Custom of the Dyaks.

The principal reasons for which heads are taken may be summed up in a few words—first, as a sign of valor and token of manhood, and, second, as a ready method of keeping the score in a blood feud. Some of my readers may be surprised that I stop short at two reasons, for it is a common belief in England that the wild Dyak of Borneo is in the habit of prowling around with a large knife, like the lion of Scripture, "seeking whom he may devour," and also that he collects heads in much the same way as his white brother collects postage stamps or butterflies. This, however, is far from being the case, and the native of the far interior is in reality a very mild savage, whose principal vice is the habit of becoming extremely intoxicated on a fermented drink which he makes from a far too large portion of his rice crop.

We will briefly analyze the first of the two reasons given above for which the young "back" sallies forth on a head hunt. Undoubtedly in days gone by the possession of a head implied that the owner, or, rather, the new owner, had successfully met and conquered an enemy. The young brave swaggered home with his newly acquired trophy, feeling that he had at last done the toga virilis and was entitled to marry a wife and join in the councils of the men. Festivities were held, large quantities of tapir wine were consumed and the hero of the hour, having taken possession of a room in the "married" portion of the long house that shelters the whole of a Dyak village and found a damsel to share it, would proceed to hang up the head as proudly as his English brother hangs up his first sporting trophy.

Times have deteriorated since these good old days, and to find the reason I must chaffer in a corner. The young man whose husband had three heads hanging before his room would sneer at the woman whose spouse could boast but two, and the latter was probably nagged at and bided for women are alike the world over till he went out and procured another. And so by slow degrees the first question asked by a prospective father-in-law of a suitor for his daughter's hand came to be not "How much brassware have you?" but "How many heads have you?" and no self respecting girl would look at a man who could not boast his two or three. Well knowing this, the ardent lover would take good care to provide himself with the necessary number. As time went on successive generations became less particular as to the way the heads were procured, till at the present day a head is merely a head, no matter what the age or sex of the original owner! Verily sap.—A. Cavendish in Chambers' Journal.

#### Clerk's Mistake Her Gain.

A handsomely gowned woman entered an uptown store where a specialty is made of laces. Approaching a pale, nervous looking clerk, she said imperiously:

"You remember selling me several yards of lace a few days ago? It was \$1.50 a yard. I want to get six more yards just like it."

The clerk leaned over the counter and said in a half whisper: "Madam, I made a fearful mistake about that lace. It is worth \$10 a yard. If you will return me what I sold you I will gladly pay you \$5 a yard for it, and it will save me my position."

The woman tossed her head impatiently. "It is utterly impossible," she said. "The lace is now on my new dress. People who make mistakes must bear the results. I will have to see what I can do to match that which I bought. Ten dollars a yard? Why, I wouldn't dream of paying that sum for it." And the haughty woman walked out with the air of one who has been grievously offended.—New York Press.

#### SOURCE OF THE MISSOURI.

##### Six Rivers Joined Together Form Its Actual Head.

The actual head of the Missouri river or what should be known as such had been intelligently named is De Lacy's or Shoshone lake, in the National park. This lake, a considerable body of water, is the source of the Madison river and forms with the river the drainage outlet for most of the water of that portion of the National park. The Gallatin, or left source of the Missouri, is formed by two streams, the East and West Gallatin, which unite about a mile above its junction with the Missouri. The Madison and Gallatin are both somewhat smaller than the Jefferson.

Had Lewis and Clark ascended the Madison instead of the Jefferson, which, becoming the larger stream, they naturally mistook for the continuation of the Missouri, they would have discovered the famous geysers in Firehole basin, Shoshone lake and all the country which is now incorporated within the limits of the National park. The Big Hole and the Beaverhead rivers flow into the Jefferson at Twin Bridges, a few miles from the confluence of the Jefferson with the Missouri, so that in reality there are six considerable rivers, all joining one another within a radius of a few miles, which unite to form the longest river in the world, measured from the gulf to the Rocky mountains.

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